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FROM: [] [] C.O.

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SUBJECT: Laundry Facilities

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TO: Mr. []

1. There is a need for clean, well-rinsed and sanitized clothing in a hot, humid climate where skin disease and infections are among the most prominent medical problems. Drying facilities (automatic) are needed to complete a satisfactory process, due to the frequently dangerous bacterial content of water used. Considering the [] requirement only, I consider the [] Laundry requirement can be met with a minimum of two washers, and two dryers, along with an appropriate ironing capability. You alone can determine the total [] requirement for Laundry Facilities. In other words, we wish to turn in a bag of laundry and expect clean and ironed clothes returned in two to three days. This laundry service can be provided free or for an appropriate price - - whatever the [] determine.

2. In addition, for the drivers, our requirement is absolute. We even wash our own drivers clothing at home base. We cannot submit our equipment to other sources for washing both from a medical safety standpoint and from a security standpoint even in the states. As an example of our requirements, long underwear for drivers worn against the skin must be scrupulously clean and we cannot trust to washing with little or no detergents, or harsh chemicals or inadequate rinse. Skin reactions to retained dirt and/or detergents will render drivers incapable of performing missions. This is no pipe dream - it has happened before. We must have at least one automatic cycle washing machine where repeat hot and cold rinse cycles are available and an automatic electric or gas dryer with adjustable fabric cycles to satisfy our need to wash cotton underwear, woolens, and nylon and rubber components. This capability may be established any where you may determine.

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